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FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney's Docket No.  
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FIRST AND JOINT INVENTOR (if more than one name is listed below) OF THE SUBJECT MATTER WHICH IS  
CLAIMED AND FOR WHICH A PATENT IS SOUGHT ON THE INVENTION ENTITLED:

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FACILITATING HEMOSTASIS OF A BIOPSY TRACT

the specification of which

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is attached hereto;

was filed on August 24, 1999 as

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and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_;  
(if applicable)

I HAVE REVIEWED AND UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE-IDENTIFIED SPECIFICATION,  
INCLUDING THE CLAIMS, AS AMENDED BY ANY AMENDMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE;

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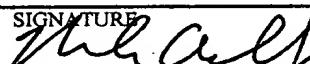
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